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1. On 12 June, the following Soviet ships were in Chongjin (Seishin) Harbor (129-48, 41-46):

25X1A6a a. Two Soviet steamships, each approximately 500 tons. One had the markings F-146; the other, F-151. T/X is the Russian designation for steamship.)

25X1A6a b. Five Soviet steamships of approximately 800 tons each and of a type formerly used by the Japanese Army. The names of two of these ships were the Fukushin Maru (福信丸) and the Taimon Maru (大門丸). It is assumed that these ships were taken over by the Soviets from the Japanese and that the ships' Japanese names are still being retained.)

25X1A2g 2. On 13 June, the Fukushin Maru left for Songjin (Joshiu) (129-12, 40-40) to pick up machinery removed from a large Songjin factory which produces aluminum and gun powder. The Fukushin Maru returned to Chongjin on 15 June.

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3. On 13 June, the Soviet steamship with the markings F-151 left for Chongjin. Part of her cargo consisted of explosives.

4. On 13 June, two of the unidentified Soviet steamships mentioned in paragraph 1 (b) of this report left Chongjin for Wonsan (Genzan) (127-26, 39-10).

5. On 16 June, a Soviet steamship of approximately 800 tons arrived in Chongjin, where it took on a cargo of approximately 400 tons of lumber, coal, and charcoal.

6. On 16 June, a Soviet steamship of approximately 500 tons anchored for a short while at Chongjin. It left for Vladivostok on the same day. The ship had come from Hungnam (Konan) (127-33, 39-52), the port for Hamhung (Kanko) (127-32, 39-54), with a cargo of soap, which it had taken on at Hungnam. The ship left for Vladivostok on the same day, 16 June.

7. At 9:00 a.m. on 17 June, the Fukushin Maru sailed for Vladivostok. On board the ship were approximately 100 Soviet soldiers and foodstuffs including rice, millet, kaoliang, corn meal, and soy beans. Four freight cars of these foodstuffs had arrived in Chongjin from Pyongyang (Heijo) (125-44, 39-01) where they had been stored. All these foodstuffs had been loaded on the Fukushin Maru on 16 June.

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- C-6 8. On 18 June, the Odessa, a Soviet ship of approximately 1,200 tons and believed to be a warship, arrived in Chongjin from Vladivostok. [REDACTED]: It is 25X1A6a reported by another American agency that the Soviet ship, Odessa, is a standard U.S. "Liberty Type" ship, with gross tonnage of 7,176 tons.)
- C-7 The Odessa anchored far out in the harbor, and a canvas covering was placed over it. An airplane, believed to be a hydroplane, was on board the ship. According to the residents of Chongjin, the ship carries "many" guns, and this was the second time it had been in Chongjin Harbor during the last year.
9. On 19 June, a Soviet steamship of approximately 1,200 tons arrived in Chongjin from Wonsan where it had taken on a cargo of rice, corn, kaoliang, vegetables, and meat. Shortly after arriving in Chongjin the ship left for Vladivostok (with the cargo of foodstuffs?). The ship's crew was composed of Soviets and Koreans.
10. At 11:00 a.m. on 20 June, the Odessa left for Wonsan. It was rumored in Chongjin that the Odessa was to take on board at Wonsan a large number of (Korean) laborers who had been recruited for work in the Sakhalin and Okhotsk (143-24, 59-22) areas, and that (Korean) laborers recruited from Wonsan, Hamhung and Chongjin were to leave for the USSR in the middle of July. It was also rumored that 9,000 laborers had already been recruited (? from Wonsan, Hamhung, and Chongjin?) to leave for the USSR and that approximately another 30,000 laborers were expected to be recruited.
11. On 21 June, the Taimon Maru (see paragraph 1 of this report) left for Sakhalin after taking on board a cargo of 500 tons of coal, charcoal, lumber and steel.
12. On 22 June, a Soviet steamship of approximately 700 tons and with the markings B-233 arrived in Chongjin from Hamhung.
13. On 24 June, 500 cans of gasoline and 100 cans of heavy oil were stored in the Chongjin harbor area for shipment to Vladivostok. The oil and gasoline had arrived in Chongjin by rail from Pyongyang on 15 June.
14. On 28 May, the North Korean People's Committee sent 50 technicians to the USSR from Chongjin. [REDACTED] another source reported that the North Korean People's Committee sent 50 technicians to the USSR on 27 May.)
- 25X1A6a 15. Many of the Soviet ships in Chongjin Harbor were painted black near the water line, with the rest of the ship being painted blue.

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